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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN STATUS OF INDIAN
PARLIAMENT

1. REP. EDWARD J. DERWINSKI (R., ILL.) HAS REQUESTED
REPORT ON (1) NUMBER AND PARTY AFFILIATION OF MP'S
ARRESTED UNDER EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION, AND (2) STATEMENT
OF EFFECT OF EMERGENCY ON FUNCTIONING OF PARLIAMENT.
2. WE HAVE ONLY SCATTERED INFO ON ARRESTED MP'S AND
WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY HELP. TO MAKE CONGRESSMAN'S
DEADLINE PLEASE SUBMIT REPORT BY OPENING OF BUSINESS
JULY 7.
3. RE PARLIAMENT, WE INTEND TO TELL HIM THAT EMERGENCY
MEANS EXECUTIVE MAY LEGISLATE IN ANY WAY IT CHOOSES
WITHOUT PARLIAMENTARY APPROVAL. HOWEVER, PARLIAMENT MUST
MEET WITHIN TWO MONTHS TO APPROVE DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY
BUT THIS MEETING MAY BE DELAYED UP TO SIX MONTHS BY PM'S
CALLING FOR NEW ELECTIONS. INGERSOLL

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